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Annexation and the War.

(No. 3.)

Abams and Jackson considered desirable. Right to annex. Mexican threats, and former conduct. If England had acted as Mexico, instant war would have ensued. Our moderation to Mexico, because of her weakness. Her demand could not be granted. Clamorers for peace protract the war. Questions for the peace party to answer.

Was Texas a desirable and valuable acquisition to the United States? Is not the South, as we were territory when we became a nation, part of the whole Union?

Before annexation became a post topic, this was not decided; not even questioned. Our allied statesmen, without distinction of race or color, evinced by deeds, more facile than words, their estimate of its value.

John Quincy Adams, an Eastern man, and no friend of ours, in his capacity as Minister to Mexico, in 1827, he offered Mexico a sum of dollars, Texas, with the boundary of the Rio Grande and the Pacific.

General Jackson went further still. In 1829 he offered five millions of dollars for Texas and five degrees of California.

These offers, rejected by Mexico, were published at the time, and no one was found objecting to the proposed purchase.

We are indebted to the Dayton Journal, Extra, of Sept. 11, 7 o'clock, A. M.

By Telegraph from Pittsburgh.

The American Army under the Walls of Mexico.

SANTA ANNA RUNNING.

Pence in Prospect.

When our despatch commenced last night, we expected it would contain a full account of the battles fought by Gen. Scott, near the city of Mexico. It has turned out differently, however, and the particulars we give it, is gratifying to notice, relate rather to peace than to battles and sieges.

From the intelligence received, we suppose the battles, if more than one was fought, were not so severe as the first despatch would lead us to suppose. Indeed, there seems to have been more of a show of opposition on the part of the Mexicans, than any resource determination to oppose Gen. Scott.

Mr. Delano, the Telegraphist, will accept our thanks for his attention last night.

Rhinebeck, Sept. 10, 6 P. M.

The Ledger express is just in, with the New Orleans Picayune of the 3d. The steamer Fashion had arrived, having left Vera Cruz on the 27th, and Tamon on the 29th.

The news is the most important which has been received for many months. Our army has not only advanced to the city of Mexico, but it has had two engagements with the enemy close under the walls of the City, and defeated them.

That is a question of international law. I debated it, in all its details, in two speeches on the annexation of Texas, made, the one in 1844, the other in 1845; and still not have I regretted the argument. No reply was made to it during the life of Gen. Scott. Webster, in his speech on the subject, referred to Mexico (deposed July 8, 1842) but the United States "regarded Texas as an independent sovereign as much as Mexico." Quincy and Vassell held the same position. No sound international lawyer will deny it. Let us assume it, then, as most justly and conveniently we may.

Now we have a new question of value, and important according to me, is offered to us. We have a right to accept it. By accepting it we give a cause of complaint to no nation on the earth. Shall we accept it or not?

That which is lawful may be inexpedient. Mexico, the author of the wrong, has no right to claim indemnity, no right to claim from the Congress of this country, still less in respect of a wrong done to us.

General Jackson went further still. In 1845, he offered a valuable gift, an amount of natural acquisition, to the United States, if Texas, in 1843, was still dependent on Mexico, we had not.

The Mexican Congress has been convened to consider Mr. Trist's proposition for peace. The news was received at Vera Cruz on the evening of the 25th of August by an express courier from Virginia, who brought down the following letter to Mr. Diamond, the collector at Vera Cruz:

GUADALUPE, Aug. 25.

The Mexican mail has just come up, and brings the following intelligence which I copy from the Diario del Gobierno, the official paper. Being of so great importance, I send you this express courier, who will be back to you tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

On the 26th, two brigades under the command of General Valencia and Santa Anna marched from the city of Mexico to attack the Americans near San Angel. Valencia's division was completely defeated, and Santa Anna fell back after the first encounter, without fighting, in great disorder.

Immediately after this, they asked for a suspension of hostilities, and offered to hear Mr. Trist's propositions for peace. The next day the Minister of Foreign Relations invited the Congress through the newspapers to meet for that purpose. These are great facts which no doubt will bring peace after all.

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